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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert G. Adam
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Federal Maritime Commission

SUBJECT : East Asian Exports to the
United States

In response to your 2 December request we are forwarding the attached information of East Asian trade with the United States for use during your discussions with the USSR's SOVINFLLOT delegation this week. The information may be considered unclassified, although attribution to CIA should be avoided.

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EAST ASIAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES

The bulk of exports to the United States from developing East Asian countries -- South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong -- consists of light industry consumer-oriented products. These countries, which lack a heavy industrial base, are essentially processing centers where raw materials and semi-manufactured goods are assembled or otherwise processed into finished products. Textiles and clothing are their traditional leading export, and the United States is a major market for these products. However, electronic products and electrical appliances are among their fastest-growing new leading export lines, and in the case of Taiwan have surpassed textiles and apparel sales to the United States.

Plywood, footwear and wigs are other important South Korean exports to the United States, while footwear, processed fruits and vegetables, and light transport equipment, such as bicycles, are among Taiwan's principal exports to this country. In the case of Hong Kong, traditional export products, such as toys, travel goods, jewelry and decorative articles, remain important, but electronic parts and products now also account for a substantial share of sales to the United States.

Selected East Asian Exports to the United States
1973

(Millions US\$)

<u>South Korea:</u> total	1,021.2
of which:	
textiles and footwear	79.9
clothing	243.7
plywood	179.9
wigs	55.5
electrical machinery and equipment	174.1
<u>Taiwan:</u> total	1,680.6
of which:	
textiles	276.2
clothing and footwear	111.7
electrical machinery	517.6
non-electric machinery and metal products	82.6
transport equipment	46.9
fresh, canned and preserved goods, ex. fishery	62.9
<u>Hong Kong:</u> total	1,324.3
of which:	
clothing	441.6
textiles	85.4
electronic components	60.0
transistors and diodes	52.6
transistor radios	115.4
plastic toys and dolls	124.2
artificial flowers	78.6
travel goods	33.2
jewelry	29.7
footwear and wigs	16.4